

Business meeting of the 7th Annual General Meeting at  
Edinburgh University March 30th 1983. 9.30-10.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Elections
6. A.O.B.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous AGM business meeting were read out by the Secretary.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising and the minutes were signed as correct.

3. Chairmans report:

a) Annual General Meetings

The next annual meeting will be held jointly with the Genetical Society on April 2, 3 and 4th 1984 in Liverpool. There will be a joint symposium on Mutagenicity, a UKEMS symposium on Genetic Engineering and genotoxicity testing and a one day meeting on the 2nd UKEMS collaborative trial. The Genetical Society will have a session on the Molecular Genetics of Plants. Since there is no local representative, the UKEMS will very much be relying on the Genetical Society for local arrangements. It is the 200th meeting of the Genetical Society and 100 years since the death of Gregor Mendel so it promises to be a good and lively meeting.

The 1985 meeting will be held at Portsmouth Polytechnic and organised by Dr. Robert Coombes. The 1986 meeting will be at Manchester and organised by Dr David Scott.

b) Workshops.

There will be a workshop from September 20-22nd 1983 in Sussex University on Mutation in Cultured Mammalian Cells. It will be an intensive course with 2-3 hours of demonstrations. In 1984 there will be a workshop on Drosophila at Edinburgh University and in 1985 another Cytogenetics Workshop at Swansea University.

c) Accreditation

This process has progressed in response to the mandate from the membership at last year's business meeting of the AGM. An indicative list, for inclusion on a register is to be prepared. There have been negotiations with the Institute of Biology and early in January the Institute agreed that a registration form could be sent out to members of the UKEMS. The form was based on a previous model already being used by the Institute for Scientists in Health Care. A meeting had been held between Drs Arlett, Anderson and Barry

Gregson-Allcott to take a "preliminary sighting" of the documents already received. From this investigation it appeared that there would be no problem regarding registration for the majority of applicants. There were only a small number of applicants for whom references would need to be taken up. Members were reassured as to the confidentiality of their application forms.

The accreditation process has quasi-legal implications: It could be envisaged that in two decades time a person would not be able to hold a job without some formal recognition of his/her being accredited. Therefore the UKEMS accreditation committee was to follow the legal situation which was being investigated for other groups progressing with registers through the auspices of the Institute of Biology. It would then determine how a similar legal system might be developed for the UKEMS.

The formulation of the accreditation committee was discussed. It was to consist of the members of the committee who were involved with initiating the scheme i.e. Drs Arlett, Parry, Anderson, McGregor and Dean and two representatives from the Institute of Biology with a senate committee consisting of eminent members. The senate could act in cases of appeal and possibly in altering the composition of the accreditation committee. It was agreed that the past chairman of the existing UKEMS committee should also be a member of the accreditation committee.

It was envisaged that the accreditation process might take 15-25 years to finalise before a person might receive a legal document. It would be necessary to make some charge to establish the scheme.

d) 2nd Collaborative Trial.

This was progressing as planned and participants were enthusiastic. Dr. Parry was to discuss the trial later in the day.

e) The sub-committee on Mutagenicity Guidelines.

It was noted that the UKEMS book on Mutagenicity Guidelines had appeared earlier than schedule and congratulations were given to B.J. Dean and co-workers. B.J. Dean had given two presentations on the work of the groups in America where it was considered that we were at least a year ahead of other environmental mutagen societies. It was explained that the book did not advocate rigid rules but was merely, as stated, a guideline document. A second separate document was planned to deal with supplementary tests. It was pointed out that many of the people involved with the production of the first book had been involved with the OECD and EEC guidelines.

4. Treasurer's report.

103 (99 ordinary + 4 honorary) members had paid their subscriptions. 57, 1982 members had not yet rejoined this year. There were 18 new members.

The money for the UKEMS Society was still at present going to the Sittingbourne account.

Dr. Danford explained how VAT had been recovered for the Canterbury meeting in 1981. Owing to the fact that no university members were involved in organising the meeting, the UKEMS society was required to pay VAT. Normally the AG meeting is organised through a university department and this problem does not arise. VAT however was recovered from the membership after the meeting and this was transferred from the meeting account to the Society account in 1982.

The air fare of the guest speaker also was not claimed last year.

The production of the Guidelines had taken a fair amount of our capital e.g. £816 were paid in March, and members had been issued with a free copy (normal price £4.50). Therefore, every member had had good value for money from the Society this year, particularly those who had just joined.

Dr. Danford pointed out that the £1,300 raised for the workshop had been held in the UKEMS account for interest purposes until it was to be used. Any profit was to be transferred back to the UKEMS account.

It was recognised that the chairman should now write some letters requesting financial support for the next workshop/meeting. Dr. Arlett had decided not to do so this year because these were times of financial strain for most organisations.

The UKEMS was registered as a Charity through the EEMS and £1.75 (one-half of our subscription) was payable to the EEMS.

It was suggested that our annual subscription be increased to £5 per head, whilst our amount due to the EEMS would remain at £1.75.

#### 5. Elections

A nomination had been received for Dr. B.J. Kilbey to replace Dr.C.F. Arlett as chairman and for Dr Stan Venitt and Dr David Kirkland to replace Dr D.B. McGregor and Dr. C. Clarke as ordinary committee members. Dr. Jim Parry was to replace Prof. B.A. Bridges councillor on EEMS. No other nominations were received so there was no election. Dr. Natalie Danford was to formally become treasurer and Dr. Anderson to remain as secretary for another year.

6. A.O.B.
- a. Dr Arlett thanked all the officers for their help during his term of office. Dr Anderson and Kilbey reciprocated with a vote of thanks to Dr Arlett.
- b. Dr Arlett also thanked Drs Kilbey and McGregor for their efforts in arranging such a successful meeting.
- c. Dr Anderson pointed out that the UKEMS had been asked to write a response to a Government paper on Human Fertilisation and Embryology. Dr Anderson provided a collated response from Drs Mary Lyon, Angus Bateman, Tony Searle, Brian Dean and herself. Prof. Ebling, a fellow council member of the Institute of Biology also sent a response through her. The document was available to members for viewing.
- d. Job opportunities: A Job placement service could become available through the UKEMS. Either jobs could be displayed on poster boards at the meeting or advertised in newsletters to members. Dr Anderson suggested that another possibility may be a separate special mailing to members provided the firm advertising the job supplied postage and distribution costs e.g. = £40 per mailing. By comparison with the £400-600 the journals required per advertisement this was a very modest sum and ensured that the information was reaching the appropriate audience.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Milley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'M'.

*NB. 1985 Meeting 1-3rd April, Portsmouth, confirmed.*

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1982-1983

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Balance at 7.3.82	4325-78	
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
From: 1982 (late) 40 @ £3.50, 1 @ £4.50	144-50	
1983 (85 @ £3.50)	297-50	
To: EEMS 1982 (140 @ £1.75)		245-00
Biological Council		7-50
<u>Annual Meetings</u>		
Canterbury: recovery of VAT	370-64	
Swansea : profit	253-51	
: expenses for postgrad. students		72.60
<u>Donations</u>		
From: Fisons*	100-00	
Huntingdon Research Centre*	75-00	
BIBRA	50-00	
Glaxo*	50-00	
Other	3-50	
To: I.C.I.: Chemicals for Collaborative Study.		250-00
Swansea workshop (from*)		225-00
C.E.C. meeting, Middx. Hospital		50-00
<u>Guidelines: expenses to subcommittee</u>		274-80
<u>Workshops</u>		
Swansea (1982): held by UKEMS acct. until 21.9.82		1300-00
: organising committee mtg.		80-92
Brighton (1983): deposit		52-00
<u>Committee: meetings expenses</u>		149-61
<u>Postage and stationery</u>		192-41
<u>Interest on deposit account</u>	365-66	
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Balance at 28.2.83	<u>3136-25</u>	

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Audited by: R. Williams

Treasurer: N. Danford.